

EDITORIAL

This has been a record year for prompt payment of dues, and the Members deserve our gratitude. Early payment not only saves the Treasurer and the Editor considerable time; it greatly reduces the expense of mailing the *Bulletin*.

To facilitate a complete listing of "Lacks and Desiderata" for the Wilson Ornithological Club Library, all Members are requested to send to the Editor a complete bibliography of their published titles (even though a single title represents their complete bibliography). It would greatly simplify the work if the bibliographies were sent to us in duplicate so that one copy can be returned to the Member with checks against those titles that the Club Library lacks and the Member may be able to supply. For convenience of permanent filing, the bibliographies should if possible be typed double-spaced on standard size ($8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$) paper.

Dr. Gordon M. Meade asks that records of the Snowy Owl made this past fall and winter in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and states south should be sent to him at the University of Rochester, Rochester 7, New York. He is preparing a report on the New York aspects of the 1945-46 Snowy Owl flight and wishes to include the more southern records. He would like to know the name of the observer; the date and place of each observation; the number of individual observations made; the approximate date for the peak of the invasion in the area; and first and last dates of observation.

John W. Aldrich of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, D.C., asks for donations of good glossy prints (accompanied by data) of bird photographs taken in the State of Washington. With Stanley G. Jewett, Walter P. Taylor, and William T. Shaw, Dr. Aldrich is preparing a book on the birds of the State.

Contributors are again reminded that the date of publication of a manuscript depends as much on the amount of time required to prepare it for publication as on the date of receipt. Not only careless English, ambiguous expression, and inaccuracies in quantitative data and bibliographical references are in question; such apparently minor details as untidily marked-over manuscript, narrow margins, poor quality paper, and worn-out typewriter ribbons tremendously increase the editor's labors.

OBITUARY

CLINTON G. ABBOTT, for twenty years director of the museum of the San Diego Society of Natural History, died March 5, 1946. In recognition of his very important services to the museum, the Society has established the Clinton G. Abbott Memorial Publication Fund. The income from the fund will be used for an enlarged publication program.

THOMAS S. ROBERTS, familiar to all ornithologists as the author of "The Birds of Minnesota" and "Bird Portraits in Color," died in Minneapolis on April 19 at the age of eighty-eight. Formerly chief of staff at St. Barnabas Hospital, Minneapolis, and Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Minnesota, he became, after his retirement from medical practice in 1913, Professor of Ornithology and director of the Museum of Natural History at the University of Minnesota. His best known work in ornithology, "The Birds of Minnesota," first published in 1932, was awarded the Brewster Medal in 1938. Dr. Roberts had been a member of the Wilson Ornithological Club since 1914.